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NEWS RELEASE

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Marion Cott to Address KAH

The annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Historians will be held at the Eisenhower Center, in Abilene, Kansas, April 13-14, 2007. Dan Holt, director of the Eisenhower Center is the 2006-2007 president and will host the event. The keynote luncheon speaker will be Ms. Marion Cott, who founded the Kansas Humanities Council, and served as its executive director from 1972-2004. When she was selected as the Council's director, the public humanities effort was an experimental program of the National Endowment for the Humanities with only 13 councils operating at that time. There are now 56 councils in the states and territories. A native Texan, Ms. Cott has been a member of various community groups and professional organizations, including the Kansas Bicentennial Commission, the Quincentenary Commission, and the advisory board of the Kansas Sesquicentennial Commission. At the national level, she served on the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Humanities Councils, the professional association of humanities councils, and on the Board of Directors of the Great Plains Chautauqua Society.

Registration for the conference is from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on April 13 in the Eisenhower Library lobby, with panel presentations beginning at 1 p.m. Panel topics for this year's conference are *Civil War Veterans in Kansas*; *Kansas History – Reaching out to the Community, Part I*; *Great Plains Originals*; *Civil War Cemeteries*; *Kansas History Reaching out to the Community, Part II*; *Themes on Early America*; *Cold War Reality*; *Kansas Health & Morality*; *Biography panel*; and the student papers panel, *Intolerance in History*.

A tour of the Eisenhower Museum and buffet dinner will be in the museum at 5:30 p.m., Friday, April 13. The conference continues Saturday morning, April 14 at 8 a.m., and concludes with the luncheon at 12:30 p.m., where the student paper awards will be presented and Ms. Cott will be the keynote speaker.

For those not wishing to register and attend the entire conference, the Friday evening April 13 buffet and museum tour is \$30, and the Saturday April 14 luncheon is \$15.

Registration fees are as follows:

- Early registration by March 26: includes conference, \$8 membership fee, Friday evening event, Saturday luncheon and presentation - \$65.00
- Registration after March 26: includes conference, \$8 membership fee, Friday evening event, Saturday luncheon and presentation - \$75.00
- Student registration: Conference and Friday evening event - \$40
- Student conference only - \$20
- Lebold Mansion Tour Friday, April 13 at 3 p.m. - \$10

For a registration form please call the Eisenhower Center at 785-263-6700; toll free 877 RING IKE, or email at Eisenhower.Library@nara.gov. All panels and sessions are open to the public, registration required. The KAH invites persons with an interest in history to become members. Membership fee is \$8 per person.